

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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DEATH OF CHILDREN DUE TO BRAIN FEVER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that 130 children have died in Andhra Pradesh due to Brain fever;
- (b) if so, whether any investigation has been conducted by the Government to ascertain the causes of death;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) As per reports received from State Health Authorities, only 4 deaths due to Japanese Encephalitis have been recorded in Andhra Pradesh during 2001.

No outbreak of JE was reported during 2001 in the State of Andhra Pradesh and there was a substantial decline in reported cases and deaths and measures for control of the disease as needed were undertaken.

(d) The preventive and control measures taken are as under:-

- Vaccination of high risk population group
- Vector control by indoor residual spray and anti-larval operations and fogging with Malathion.
- Early diagnosis and proper management of patients.
- Isolation of pigs from human population.
- Intensification of IEC activities.
- Involvement of NIV, Pune, NICD, Delhi, School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta and AIIPH, Calcutta for epidemiological investigation and viral confirmation.
- Training Workshops for PHC Medical Officers in endemic states.
- Supply of Health Education materials.
- Involvement of Municipal Department and Panchayat Raj Department to take up JE Control measures.